

Remarks

Claims 1-9 were previously pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, the applicants have amended claims 1 and 6 and have cancelled claims 2-4 and 7. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the subject specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented is respectfully requested.

The claim amendments set forth herein have been done in order to lend greater clarity to the claimed subject matter and to expedite prosecution. The amendment and cancellation of the claims should not be taken to indicate the applicant's agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejections of record. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented, in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, is earnestly solicited.

Initially, the applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the withdrawal of the rejection under 102(b). The applicants also appreciate the Examiner's indication of the subject matter she believes to be enabled. In order to expedite prosecution the claims now specifically recite this subject matter.

Claims 1-9 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The applicants respectfully traverse this ground for rejection because the skilled artisan having the benefit of the applicants' disclosure would be able to readily make and use, without undue experimentation, the modified baculovirus as claimed. However, as noted above, the claims now recite the subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be enabled. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendments to the claims, the applicants believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicants also invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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